

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 705 – HB 868

March 7, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits any pain management clinic or any medical doctor, osteopathic physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant working at a pain management clinic to dispense controlled substances.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004004): Prohibits buprenorphine combined with naloxone from being prescribed or dispensed for pain. Buprenorphine combined with naloxone can only be prescribed for maintenance treatment for patients diagnosed with opioid dependence.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Department of Health, the Office of Investigations and the Office of General Counsel could experience an increase in complaints and prosecutions should controlled substances be dispensed from a pain clinic.
- It is estimated that any costs incurred will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- According to the Department, any additional investigatory duties required in regulating prescriptions containing buprenorphine or naloxone can be handled within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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